

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination and reconsideration of this Application, withdrawal of the rejection, and formal notification of the allowability of all claims as now presented are earnestly solicited in light of the remarks that follow.

Claims 9-44 are pending in the application. Claim 7 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 17-44 are presented herein. It is respectfully submitted that the additional claims are fully supported by the specification as filed. Support for claim 17 may be found, for example, in paragraph 13 bridging pages 5 and 6 of the patent application. Support for claim 18 may be found, for example, in paragraph 8 bridging pages 3 and 4 of the application. The subject matter of claim 19 may be found in paragraph 2 on page 1 and paragraph 11 on page 5 of the application. The subject matter of claims 20 and 21 may be found, for example, in paragraph 12 on page 5 of the application. Support for the subject matter of claim 22 may be found, for example, in paragraph 14 on page 6 of the application. Finally, the subject matter of claim 23 may be found, for example, in paragraph 15 on page 6 of the application. The remaining new claims are similar in scope to claims 17-23, but depend from a different independent claim. Minor typographical errors have been corrected in claims 12 and 15.

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ison *et al.* in view of Randolph *et al.* as evidenced by Koslowski and Randel *et al.* Although Applicants do not acquiesce to this rejection, in order to expedite prosecution of the application, claim 7 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, this rejection is now moot.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claims 9-16 are allowed. It is noted that all new claims of record depend from one of the previously-allowed claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all new claims are in condition for allowance.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of

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this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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